

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A hand tool, comprising:

a head portion having two jaw portions pivotally connected with each other by a pivot pin;

a handle portion pivotally mounted on the head portion and having two holding grips each having a first end pivotally mounted on an end of a respective one of the two jaw portions of the head portion by a positioning pin and a second end formed with a counterbore;

a mounting tube [fixedly] mounted in the counterbore of [on] the second end of a first one of the two holding grips of the handle portion;

a push rod [fixedly] mounted in the counterbore of [on] the second end of a second one of the two holding grips of the handle portion and slidably mounted in the mounting tube; and

an elastic member mounted in the mounting tube and urged between the mounting tube and the push rod.

Claim 2 (original): The hand tool in accordance with claim 1, wherein the mounting tube is substantially arc-shaped.

Claim 3 (original): The hand tool in accordance with claim 1, wherein the push rod is substantially arc-shaped.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The hand tool in accordance with claim 1, wherein the mounting tube has an outward protruding stepwise end inserted into and closely fitted in the counterbore of the first one of the two holding grips of the handle portion.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The hand tool in accordance with claim 1, wherein the push rod has an outward protruding stepwise end inserted into and closely fitted in the counterbore of the second one of the two holding grips of the handle portion.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The hand tool in accordance with claim 1, wherein the two holding grips of the handle portion are moved and pivoted relative to the head portion synchronously.